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## THE FOLK LORE OF CATS.

SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT PUSS RELIGIOUSLY HELD BY MANY.

Some of the Peculiar Beliefs of Jack Tar. The Cat Used to Cure or Bring Disease—The Black Cat Sure to Enrage Lovers to the Lasso.

Cats have the reputation of being weatherwise, an old notion which has given rise to a most extensive folk lore. It is almost universally believed that good weather may be expected when the cat washes herself, but bad when she licks her coat against the grain, or washes her face over her ear, or sits with her tail to the fire. As, too, the cat is supposed not only to have a good knowledge of the state of the weather, but a certain share in the arrangement of it, it is considered by sailors to be most unwise to provoke it. Hence they do not much like to see a cat on board at all, and when one happens to be more frisky than usual they have a popular saying that "the cat has got a gale of wind in her tail."

A charm often resorted to for raising a storm is to throw a cat overboard; but, according to a Hungarian proverb, as a cat does not die in water, its paws disturb the surface; hence the feline on the surface of the water are nicknamed by sailors "cat's paws." In the same way, also, a larger flurry of the water is a "cat's skin," and in some parts of England a popular name for the stormy north wind is "the cat's nose."

Among other items of weather lore associated with the cat, there is a superstition in Germany that, if it rains when women have a large washing on hand, it is an infallible sign that they have a spite against them, owing to their not having treated these animals well. We may also compare the Dutch idea that a rainy wedding day results from the bride's not feeding her cat; whereas, in the valleys of the Tyrol, girls who are fond of cats are said always to marry early, perhaps, as Mrs. Busk remarks, "an evidence that household virtues are appreciated in them by the men." Once more, there is a German belief that any one who, during his lifetime, may have made cats his enemies is certain to be accompanied to the grave amidst a storm of wind and rain.

Apart, however, from the weather lore superstitions associated with the cat there is an extensive class of other beliefs, as, for instance, those relating to folk medicine. Thus, in Cornwall, the little gatherings which come on children's eyelids, locally termed "whilks," are cured by passing the tail of a black cat nine times over the part affected. As recently as the year 1867, in Pennsylvania, a woman was publicly accused of witchcraft for administering three drops of a black cat's blood to a child as a remedy for croup. She admitted the fact, but denied that witchcraft had anything to do with it, and twenty witnesses were called to prove its success. Again, "in many regions," we are told by Mr. Conway, "a three colored cat protects against fire, and a black cat cures epilepsy and protects gardens."

Formerly in Scotland, when a family removed from one house to another, the cat was always taken, one reason being that it served as a protection against disease. Indeed, before a member of the family entered the new abode, the cat was thrown into it. There was a superstitious notion that, if a curse or disease had been left on the house, the cat became the victim and died, to the saving of the family's lives. It is curious, however, to find the opposite practice kept up in Ireland, where it is considered highly unlucky for a family to take with them a cat when they are moving, more especially, too, when they have to cross a river.

IN TIMES OF ILLNESS. Mr. Gregor also tells us that, in the northeast of Scotland, if a cow or other domestic animal was seized with disease, one mode of cure was to twist a rope of straw the contrary way, join the two ends, and put the diseased animal through the loop along with a cat. By this means the disease was supposed to be transferred to the cat, and the animal's life was so saved by the cat dying. This, of course, was only one of the extensive charms of which the leading idea was that of substitution.

A remedy for erysipelas lately practiced in the parish of Locharron, in the northwest highlands, consisted in cutting off one-half of the cat's ear and letting the blood drop on the part affected. Alluding, moreover, to the numerous other items of folk lore in connection with the cat, there is a popular notion that a May cat—a cat born in the month of May—is of no use for catching rats and mice, but exerts an injurious influence on the house through bringing into it disagreeable reptiles of various kinds.

Mrs. Latham, in her "West Sussex Superstitions," says that a May cat is supposed "to be inclined to melancholy, and to be much addicted to catching snakes and to bringing them into the house."

I had heard that this west country belief existed in our village; and, very lately, observing a most dejected looking cat by the fire in a cottage, said in jest: "I should think that cat was born in May." "Oh, yes," said the owner of it; "that she was, and so was her mother; and she was just as sad looking, and was always bringing snakes and vipers within doors."

Mr. Henderson, speaking of this superstition, tells us that an old north country woman on one occasion said to a lady: "It's na vander Jock —'s lassies marry off so fast; ye ken what a brew black cat she's got." It is considered unlucky to dream of a cat, a piece of folk lore prevalent in Germany, where if one dreams of a black cat at Christmas it is an omen of some alarming illness during the following year.

Equally unfortunate, too, is it for a cat to sneeze, this act being supposed to indicate that the family will have colds. Thus, we are informed by Mrs. Latham that in Sussex "even the most favored cat, if heard to sneeze, is instantly shut out of doors; for should she stay to repeat the sneeze three times indoors, the whole family will have colds and coughs."—New York Mail and Express.

## STRANGE CREATURES OF THE DEEP.

Stories of Marlines Proving That the Sea Serpent Is Not a Myth.

Of late years there has been a growing tendency to place more credence than was at one time done in the tales of sea monsters appearing in untoward places and at inconvenient times to seafaring men of much credulity. No doubt the stories of the sea serpent and the like were, many of them, proved to be little better than sailors' yarns, spun for the amusement of greenhorns. Sometimes they were shown to have been grossly perverted narrations, which, when stripped of their fictitious embroidery, shrank to very prosaic dimensions; and not uncommonly what perfectly honest people believed and tried to make others believe to be horrid monsters turned out to be bunches of seaweed, drift logs covered with barnacles, ribbon fishes of no great size, or even seals and basking sharks. Hence there has been a proneness to place all these stories in the same category, and, perhaps for this very reason, sailors sensitive to ridicule have become rather chary of "logging" such uncommon subjects. At the same time, unless everything like evidence is to be dismissed as fable when it does not fit into the preconceived notions of the theorist, it is idle to pretend that all these reports are due either to optical illusion or to deliberate fraud.

Most of the men who have put their observations on record are notoriously of good character, keen eyesight and of long familiar with every appearance which the surface of the sea presents that it is simply shirking the question to suppose that they must have been deceived or were attempting to deceive others. In many instances an entire ship's crew saw the monster, and in not a few the witnesses have been well known merchant captains, or even the commanders of vessels in the royal navy. Thus Capt. Hope, of her majesty's ship Fly, saw, fifty years ago, in the Gulf of California, a creature not unlike an alligator, with a long neck and four paddles, which many zoologists of eminence have not hesitated to regard as an animal of the ichthyosaurus or plesiosaurus type, that may have survived from ancient times in the still unexplored depths of the ocean. Again, Capt. McQuahab, of her majesty's ship Dædalus, saw a snake like animal, which Richard Owen imagined might have been a large sea elephant. But the eye witnesses, all of whom were well acquainted with the species in question, unhesitatingly repudiated this hypothesis.

Scarcely more mysterious is the story of the huge "snake" which the crew of the Pauline saw fourteen years ago, coiled twice round a sperm whale in the South Atlantic, and then, after towering up many feet in the air, dragging its prey to the bottom. Still more recently Capt. Pearson and Lieut. Hayne, of her majesty's yacht Osborne, officially reported seeing off the coast of Sicily a snake like animal fully thirty feet in length, with triangular fins rising five or six feet above the water, huge flippers which moved like those of a turtle, and a head six feet in length. This might possibly, as Dr. Andrew Wilson has suggested, have been a monstrous ribbon fish, though at the same time there were circumstances connected with its appearance which render this suggestion of doubtful value. Dr. Günther, among other eminent ichthyologists, regarding the hypothesis as one of keeping with what is known regarding the habits of the regaleus.

Some of the "sea serpents" may, perhaps, have been simply basking sharks, the bones washed up on the shores of the Isle of Stronsay, in the Orkneys, and for a time thought to belong to some such animal, being now assigned to a species of Selachia. Great cuttle fishes are also accountable for some of the "snakes" seen by mariners. Such, undeniably, was the Kraken which Hans Egede figures in his famous work on Greenland, and which time and again has been noticed off the American shores of such dimensions as to be quite capable of dragging small vessels under water, or fighting an unequal battle with the stoutest men. Every allowance being made for the cuttle fish, the shark, the ribbon fish, the floating seaweed, the school of porpoises, the flight of sea fowl and the like, there remain a number of well authenticated appearances which there is no accounting for in any such self complacent fashion. We might, perhaps, dismiss the "So-Orn" of Magnus and Pontopidan as marvels of an uncritical age, though in all other matters these clerical historians were as circumspect as bishops ought to be.—London Standard.

A newspaper "Fake" in China.

Some time ago The Tien Shih Chai, an illustrated newspaper which is published in Shanghai, contained a long article concerning "The Manufacture of Soap and Fertilizers from Human Bodies in Europe." The article was very minute. It described the whole process of manufacture in detail, from the decapitation and disemboweling of the bodies to the stamping of violets and roses on the finished soap cakes and the packing of the fertilizer for shipment. Numerous illustrations culled to raise Chinese hair and to curdle Chinese blood embellished the gawdies text. Just how the editors of The Tien Shih Chai discovered that their European correspondent had been libeling European civilization they refuse to say. That the discovery, when made, quite upset them, however, is evident from this very abject retraction in a recent copy of their publication:

"As we subsequently learned by investigation, the descriptions of European soap and manure factories formerly published by us are only the plans and inventions of scientific men which have never been put into practice, and therefore our account of these factories and our pictures were wholly false. In the future we will make every effort to keep all untruthful articles out of our columns. We make this announcement in order that through the foreign and Chinese press we may confess our mistake, which we hope has done no harm."—New York Sun.

## Seen in a Dream.

In 1968, Lizzie M. Trask, of Vienna, Me., was dressmaking in Lewiston. She came into possession of a gold twenty-five cent piece with a hole in it. This she showed as a curiosity to her friends. At that time she had a little niece 2 years old, daughter of Jonathan P. Trask, now the wife of Leman Butler, trader in Mt. Vernon. The little coin Lizzie once showed to her niece Addie when she was a very small girl, telling her that she would give it to her when she was old enough to take care of it. Lizzie died twelve years ago. In her possession was a lady's wallet with several compartments. This wallet her mother used until her death, seven years ago.

Then James, a brother of Lizzie, had it, and it has been in constant use almost daily ever since, either by him or his wife. The little gold coin was never seen after Lizzie's death or before for several years by her friends, and its whereabouts was not known, and, in fact, its existence had passed from their memory. A few days ago Mrs. Butler made her parents a visit, stopping with them several nights.

While there she dreamed that she saw her Aunt Lizzie's wallet, and that it was faced with green, and in a certain compartment she found the little gold coin which she saw so many years ago. On telling her mother her dream she was informed that Lizzie did have a wallet which answered her description, and that her Uncle James had it. The wallet Addie had never seen. She then visited her uncle and told her dream to her aunt, who laughed at the idea of anything being in it other than what she and her husband had placed there. But at Addie's earnest solicitation she produced it, and as soon as Addie saw it she exclaimed: "That is the same wallet that I saw in my dream!" and pointed out the compartment that held the treasure. She then took a needle, and, running it to the bottom, she drew forth a newspaper, and in it was, indeed, a gold quarter with a hole in it, wrapped, no doubt, by the hand of her aunt at least twelve years before, where it had lain all this time, without the knowledge of any one, until Addie's dream caused it to be brought forth.—Augusta (Me.) Age.

## The Jasper Industry.

Within two years the jasper industry has been developed, and there are now four quarries, employing nearly 1,000 men, in operation about Sioux Falls. The market extends from Chicago to Kansas City. Sioux Falls' streets are paved with jasper, and her four story buildings are constructed of it. The stone is susceptible of a high degree of polish, and when finished looks much like the red granite of Missouri. The pioneer in the jasper industry discovered not long ago that the dust of the jasper, which is half as hard as diamonds, would polish the famous petrified wood of Arizona, and make of it table tops and ornaments more beautiful than agate or onyx. The petrified wood is now brought from Arizona to Sioux Falls by the railroad, and polished in a variety of forms. To the jasper industry, the city has added the manufacture of chalcedony. There is a scientific mystery about this so called jasper. Practically it is all right. Its utility has been established, but geologically there is no little uncertainty about it. Those who know the most are the least positive in discussing its character. Some of the scientific men who have looked at it call it red quartzite. Professor Winchell says it is the hardest stone in the United States that has been used for building purposes. The grain is very close. The only element to which it succumbs is fire. It will stand a good deal, but crumbles like sandstone or limestone under too intense heat.—New York Telegram.

## Why He Went Out.

A good housewife at the Highlands wished to surprise her husband by giving him some of a particular kind of cake of which he was very fond. She took great pains with the mixture, measuring out each ingredient with the utmost care, for she was determined to produce the best loaf she ever made. When the good man came in to tea and saw the handsome loaf, his heart went out towards his wife in renewed affection. The cake was finally cut, but the first mouthful he took made him look puzzled, and soon he left the table. The wife was curious to know why he went out, and noticing that he had left his cake almost untasted she broke off a little piece and put it in her mouth. "Horror! cayenne pepper! where did I get that?" and she made a bolt for the kitchen. Going into the pantry she looked at the box where she got her cinnamon to put in the cake. There stood the box, but the word "Pepper" was so big that there was no mistaking the contents. She says the next time she makes a loaf of cake she will taste of everything before she puts it in, and her husband says he doesn't know but she'd better.—Springfield Homestead.

## What Has Happened in June.

Historically considered, June is for Great Britain perhaps the most famous month in the year. It is the month of Bannockburn, Naseby and Waterloo—all of them battles of liberation and for the extension and establishment of freedom. In other respects June figures handsomely in the calendar. It was in June that Magna Charta was sealed; and it is the birth month, among others, of Dr. Arnold, of Rugby; Charles Kingsley, W. H. Smith, Lord Dufferin, Lord Wolseley and Mr. Spurgeon. June is generally also famous for its deaths, among them being those of Mohammed, Joseph Smith, the Mormon prophet; White, of Shelbourne, and Garibaldi. It has been remarked that the natal is also the fatal month of a certain percentage of distinguished men, and we observe that Dr. Arnold died in June. One of the most notable of modern June events is the coronation of Queen Victoria, which took place in 1838, just about fifty-one years ago. But undoubtedly the two big events of June are Waterloo and Bannockburn, the latter being to Scotchmen the greater of the two.—Glasgow Herald.

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Notice. The abstract of the Northwestern Masonic Aid Association has been received and is payable at the office of B. E. Hunter, in O. A. Thurston's stationary store, on or before the 19th day of December. d15-lw B. E. HUNTER.

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THE LEADING JEWELER OF RENO

Announces to the Public that he has the

**MOST COMPLETE STOCK**

OF

**DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY,**

CLOCKS, SILVER AND SILVER-PLATED WARE



Ever brought to Reno. Everything purchased is engraved FREE OF CHARGE, and all goods guaranteed to be as represented.

Before purchasing your HOLIDAY GIFTS call and inspect my large and elegant stock and get my prices.

**JEWELRY MANUFACTURED.**

Watch-Repairing in All Its Branches.

**I. FREDRICK,**

Virginia Street - - - Reno, Nevada.

FOLSOM &amp; WELLS.

In Masonic Building, corner Sierra St. and Commercial Row,

Keeps Everything in the Line of

**HARDWARE, GROCERIES,**

AND GENERAL PROVISIONS.

They Sell at Bedrock Prices and Guarantee Satisfaction.

Their Stock is Second to None in Either Quality or Assortment.

GIVE THEM A CALL AND BE CONVINCED.

F. LEVY &amp; BRO.

**RENO'S ATTRACTION,****F. LEVY & BRO'S**

Dry Goods, Cloak and Carpet Store.

**LARGEST STOCK,****FINEST GOODS,****LOWEST PRICES.****ONE PRICE TO ALL.**

NEVADA CASH STORE.

**Nevada Cash Dry Goods and Carpet Store**

FORETHOUGHT—It is always well to bear in mind that

"A dollar saved is a dollar made." For this purpose we

are offering at extraordinary low prices the following

articles:

Children's All-Wool Cloaks, - - - \$2 50.

Misses' All-Wool Cloaks, - - - \$3 50.

Ladies' All-Wool Cloaks, - - - \$5 00.

SEALETTE JACKETS and COATS are offered at Eastern prices.

BLANKETS, SHAWLS and FLANNELS, special inducements.

OUR DRESS GOODS of the latest styles positively compete with San Francisco.

OUR FANCY GOODS stock is fully assorted.

OUR WOOLEN ROSE Department is newly restocked and we are able to suit all demands.

CARPETS, LINOLEUM and OILCLOTHS have been replenished with new and handsome patterns of all grades of goods.

An inspection of our establishment, to convince purchasers of the above statements, is respectfully solicited.

S. EMRICH, of the

**Nevada Cash Dry Goods and Carpet Store**

H. J. THYES.

**H. J. THYES,**

—WHOLESALE DEALER IN—

**WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS,**

First National Bank Building, Reno, Nevada.

Sole Agent for the State of Nevada for Schmidt &amp; Co.'s Sarsaparilla and Iron Water, from Stockton, Cal.

And Idaho Mineral Water and Ginger Ale from Idaho Soda Springs.

I also handle Sierra Beer from Bonn, Cal., exclusively. Trade and Families supplied.

Good delivered free of charge in town.

**FIRST-CLASS SIDEBOARD.**

W. O. H. MARTIN.

**W. O. H. MARTIN,**

—DEALER IN—

**Shelf Hardware, Bar Iron, Barbed Wire,**

Steel, Cumberland Coal, Lime, Plaster, Cement,

**AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS**

Buckeye and all Other Kinds of Machine Extras a Specialty.

GROCERIES, LIQUORS, TINWARE AND CROCKERY.

Agent for Empire Mower.

Commercial Row, Reno, Nevada.

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CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY.

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SOCIETIES.

Amity Lodge, No. 8, K. of P.

THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF AMITY LODGE

No. 8, K. of P., Eastern Pythons, are held

in Masonic Hall, every Friday evening commencing

at 8 o'clock, and all are invited to attend in good standing

are cordially invited to attend.

By order of the Chancellor, Commander, S. J. HODGKINSON,

S. J. HODGKINSON, S. of R. S.

I. O. O. F.

RENO LODGE, No. 19, I. O. O. F.,

will meet at their hall on Chestnut street, at the

the Congregational Church, Thursday evenings at

8 o'clock. Visiting members in good standing are

cordially invited to attend.

J. H. PHILLIPS, N. O.

A. BROWN, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.

TRUCKEE LODGE, No. 14, I. O. O. F.,

will meet at their hall on Chestnut street, at the

the Congregational Church, Thursday evenings at

8 o'clock. Visiting members in good standing are

cordially invited to attend.

S. JACOBSON, N. O.

N. A. BREWER, Secretary.

I. no Chapter No. 7, R. A. M.

The Stated Conventions of Reno Chapter, No.

7, R. A. M., will be held in Masonic Hall, on the

evening of the first Thursday in each month, com-

mencing at 7:30 o'clock sharp. Sojourning Com-

panions in good standing are cordially invited to

attend. By order of the E. E. F.

L. L. CHOCQUET, Secretary.

A. O. U. W.

NEVADA LODGE, No. 1, A. O. U. W., meets

every Tuesday night in Masonic Hall. Visiting

members are cordially invited to attend.

ED. TAYLOR, M. W.

D. A. RAFFERTY, Secretary.

LEGAL.

ORDINANCE NO.

Of the Town of Reno, Washoe

County, Nevada.

An Ordinance Regulating the Storage of

Petroleum or the Refined Products

of Petroleum.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

of Washoe County, State of Nevada, do ordain

as follows:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful for any

person, firm or company to store, keep, deposit

storage of, or keep for sale within the limits of

the town of Reno, in any one building, in a larger

quantity than the amount of refined petroleum, or

the refined products of petroleum, except as

same be kept in metal cans or tanks, and

stored in a building or warehouse constructed of

heretofore provided, and to be used exclusively

for the storage of such substance and none other.

Sec. 2. That any person or corporation who

violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be

liable to a fine of not less than five dollars, or

more than ten dollars, and not more than five

hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the county

jail for a term not exceeding thirty days, or

by both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances

in conflict with the provisions hereof are hereby

revoked.

Passed December 18, 1899.

Attest: T. K. BYRNER, Chairman.

T. W. JUDEN, Clerk.

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLIES

FOR THE

State Insane Asylum, at Reno, Nev.

THE COMMISSIONERS FOR THE CARE OF

the Insane of Nevada, will receive sealed

proposals for furnishing supplies to carry

on the Insane Asylum at Reno, Nevada, up to De-

cember 25, 1899, at 12 o'clock, noon, at the

office of the Commissioners, at Reno, Nevada, and

will be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Decem-

ber 26, 1899. All bids must